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11. SUMMARY: THE WAR IN IRAQ, IRAQI CIVILIAN CAUSALITIES, AND

HUMANITARIAN AID DOMINATED COVERAGE IN UAE MEDIA. UAE PRINT DAILIES ALSO COVERED ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN DUBAI, VARIOUS ARAB CAPITALS, AND AROUND THE WORLD. AN "AL KHALEEJ" ARTICLE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR ARABS TO REALIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAR IN IRAQ. ANOTHER "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIAL DESCRIBED THE WAR IN IRAQ AS THE NEW "MONGOL MASSACRES." END SUMMARY.

12. COMMENTING ON THE UN'S ROLE IN MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO STOP THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS CREATED BY THE WAR, ABU DHABI-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AKHBAR AL ARAB" EDITORIALIZED 3/29:

"...AT THIS TIME, AN ESSENTIAL QUESTION ARISES: WHY DID ALL INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS AND ATTEMPTS TO STOP THIS WAR CEASE? WHERE IS THE UN, THE CHARTER OF WHICH CALLS FOR ENSURING WORLD PEACE? THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY STILL HAS A ROLE WHICH SHOULD BE PERFORMED AND ACTIVATED."

13. ALLEGING THE REAL REASONS BEHIND THE WAR ON IRAQ ARE OIL AND PROTECTING ISRAEL, SHARJAH-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 3/29:

"AMERICAN AND BRITISH OFFICIALS CLAIM TO HAVE ACHIEVED TWO POSITIVE OUTCOMES: SECURING THE OIL FIELDS IN THE SOUTH AND SECURING THE WESTERN FRONT TO PREVENT THE TARGETING OF ISRAEL WITH MISSILES ... THE REAL REASONS BEHIND THIS WAR ARE BOTH THE PROTECTION OF ISRAEL AND IRAQ'S OIL WEALTH AND NOTHING ELSE."

14. COMMENTING ON THE RESIGNATION OF RICHARD PERLE, UAE COLUMNIST AYSHA SULTAN WROTE IN DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED "AL BAYAN" ON 3/29:

"... CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE ALLIES SEEM TO BE LOOMING. THE FIRST TO FALL OUT ... WAS THE PRIME MINISTER OF SPAIN, JOSE MARIA AZNAR, WHO IS WIDELY HATED BY THE SPANISH PEOPLE AND RIDICULED BY PARLIAMENT. AZNAR AND PERLE ARE NOT THE FIRST VICTIMS AND ARE NOT THE FIRST NAILS IN THIS EMPIRE'S COFFIN."

15. UNDER THE HEADLINE "FACING THE TRUTH," UAE COLUMNIST DR. MOHAMED IDREES WROTE IN "AL KHALEEJ" ON 3/29:

"... THEY ARE GOING TO DESTROY IRAQ WHILE HAVING THEIR EYES ON PALESTINE AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. COLIN POWELL STATED THIS WHEN HE SAID THAT THE U.S. IS COMING INTO IRAQ IN ORDER TO FORCE SOME CHANGES IN THE REGION TO SERVE AMERICAN INTERESTS AND HE DID NOT FORGET TO MENTION ISRAEL'S 'PEACE' AS A PRIORITY. THE LOSS OF IRAQ IS JUST THE BEGINNING AND NOT THE END. AND WITHOUT AN ARAB ROLE THAT COULD SAY 'NO' TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN IRAQ, THE ARABS WILL NEVER REALIZE WHERE AND WHEN IS THE END, SINCE THEY ALREADY LOST THE BEGINNING."

16. COMMENTING ON RECENT STATEMENTS ABOUT ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS BY UK FOREIGN MINISTER JACK STRAW, ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 3/27:

"... THE STATEMENT ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH, IT HAS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY ACTIONS IN ORDER TO RESTORE DIGNITY TO THE VICTIM AND TO PUNISH THE TORMENTOR ... THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE REPEATEDLY WISHED TO SOLVE THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT ACCORDING TO THE ROADMAP PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH, OF TWO STATES LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE, ARE REQUIRED TO MOVE AHEAD AND FORCE ISRAEL TO ACCEPT THE FAIT ACCOMPLI WILLINGLY OR UNWILLINGLY. ONLY THEN WILL A HALF CENTURY OF INJUSTICE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BE RECOGNIZED."

17. UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE NEW MONGOL MASSACRES," "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 3/27:

"... WHOEVER IS ADDICTED TO COVERING UP FOR THE CRIMINALS WHO COMMIT THE MASSACRES AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS, WILL DEFINITELY COMMIT THE SAME. WHOEVER WANTS HIS COMPANIES TO BENEFIT WILL RESORT TO DESTRUCTION IN ORDER TO AN CREATE APPROPRIATE FOUNDATION FOR RECONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ... THE NEW MONGOL NIGHTMARE HAS SPREAD TO ALL ARAB COUNTRIES AND EVERYONE IS MERELY AN ONLOOKER. THESE NEW MONGOLS WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH IRAQ ONCE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO SWALLOW IT."

18. UNDER THE OP-ED HEADLINE, "A BARGAIN OVER A NATION," INFLUENTIAL UAE BUSINESSMAN KHALAF AL HABTOOR WROTE IN EXPATRIATE-

ORIENTED ENGLISH DAILY GULF NEWS ON 3/29:

"NOBODY CAN CLAIM THEY ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARAB WORLD. THIS IS FATE CREEPING AT US VERY QUICKLY AND WE CAN'T STOP IT. IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE TO ASK THIS QUESTION ... ESPECIALLY SINCE SOME GOVERNMENTS ARE REJECTING THE PROBLEMS OF THEIR PEOPLE. EXCEPT THE EMIRATES EXPERIMENT ... THERE IS NO EVIDENCE IN OUR ARAB WORLD THAT WE HAVE LEADERS WHO GIVE PRIORITY TO THEIR NATIONS OVER THEMSELVES ... AND SOME ARAB LEADERS ACT LIKE THAT BEDOUIN WHO COVERED HIS HEAD AND SAID: NOTHING MATTERS AS FAR AS I AND MY CAMEL ARE SAFE!"
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